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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Open Content Model Web Service Messaging" as identified above, which hereinafter will be referred to as the "Subject Application".

The subject matter disclosed in the article entitled "Web Services Addressing (WS-Addressing)" by Bosworth et al. published March 13, 200 (Bosworth publication) that is claimed in the Subject Application was conceived and invented by the inventors of the Subject Application. Of note, five of the authors of the Bosworth publication are also inventors of the Subject Application. The subject matter should be attributed to the named inventive entity of the Subject Application, as filed, and therefore the Bosworth publication is not available as prior art to the Subject Application. Section 715.01(c).I. of the MPEP states "an affidavit or declaration by applicant alone indicating that applicant is the sole inventor and that the others were merely working under his or her direction is sufficient to remove the

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publication as a reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) *In re Katz*, 687 F.2d 450, 215 USPQ 14 (CCPA 1982).”

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